

# Gandhi's philosophy of truth & non-violence continue to be 'our guiding light': LG



Lt Governor Manoj Sinha speaking at a programme at Jammu on Sunday.

**STATE TIMES NEWS**  
JAMMU: Jammu and Kashmir Lt Governor Manoj Sinha Sunday said Mahatma Gandhi's philosophy of truth and non-violence would continue to be "our guiding light" as he paid rich tributes to the Father of the Nation on his 74th death anniversary.

Mubarak Mandi Heritage complex here, an official spokesman said. On the occasion, the Lt Governor received the Mahatma Gandhi Award 2022, which he dedicated to 1.25 crore citizens of J&K and called them equal partners in the Union Territory's growth. Paying homage to Gandhi, Sinha said, His philosophy of truth and non-violence will

continue to be our guiding light. Bapu's life and teachings will continue to be relevant in the centuries to come. "As the world is getting more inter-dependent than ever before, Gandhi's teaching of equal respect for each other and peaceful co-existence will become more powerful instrument for the welfare of mankind," he said. The Lt Governor under-

scored that for the sustainable development of J&K, peoples' participation is imperative. "Bapu laid a lot of emphasis on balancing our development and ecology. It is our duty to make his vision integral part of our development policy, he said. Sinha urged people to follow the values of non-violence, social justice, and equality. The Lt Governor also

appealed for people's participation in promoting 'Swachhata' and preserving ecology.

Two-minute silence was observed to pay homage to Mahatma Gandhi and 'Bhajans' were also recited.

Padma Shri awardees, Captain (Retd) Bana Singh, Political leaders, members of civil society, senior officers of police and civil administration, besides others were present on the occasion.

Earlier, in connection with martyr's day, Raj Bhavan officials and staff members observed a two-minute silence as homage to Gandhi and countless brave Indians who sacrificed their lives during the freedom struggle, the spokesman said.

Meanwhile, separate functions were observed across Jammu province where the participants observed two-minute silence to pay tributes to Gandhi and other martyrs of freedom struggle.



## BJP Govt trying to 'remove' Mahatma Gandhi's ideology: Mir



Senior Congress leaders paying tributes to Mahatma Gandhi at Jammu.

**STATE TIMES NEWS**  
JAMMU: The BJP government at the Centre is trying to "remove" Mahatma Gandhi's ideology, Jammu and Kashmir Congress president G A Mir alleged on Sunday and asserted that his party will continue to carry forward the philosophy of the father of the nation.

Speaking to reporters after paying tributes to Mahatma Gandhi at his statue at the Satwari Chowk here on his 74th death anniversary, he said the forces who martyred Mahatma Gandhi on this day in 1948 are the same who are involved in "sabotage" in the country.

Working President JKPC Raman Bhalla, Chief Spokesperson Ravinder Sharma, General Secretary (Urban) Yogesh Sawhney, General Secretary Th. Mannohan Singh, Mahila President Indu Pawar (Ex-MLA), Seva Dal Chief Sharma with team, PYC President Udhey Bhanu Chib with team, Gurdarshan Singh, Dwarka Choudhary,

Sahil Sharma, Vandana Makhnotra, Sonu Dogra, Dr. R.K. Khajuria and other prominent leaders also attended and observed two minutes silence.

"It is unfortunate that Gandhi's assassin Nathuram Godse is getting weightage over the ideology of Gandhi which is acknowledged by the entire world," Mir, who was joined by other senior Congress leaders and Seva Dal chief Vijay Sharma in paying tributes, said.

He said Gandhi is the biggest martyr who sacrificed his life for the country. "It is unfortunate that the central government in its official order on Martyrs' Day omitted his name while dedicating the day to all the martyrs who sacrificed their lives for the independence of the nation. We are not against it but January 30

was devoted to Mahatma Gandhi. The BJP basically follows the philosophy of Godse and is trying to remove his ideology," the Congress leader said. Asked about former

Congress president Rahul Gandhi's tweet that "Hindutvawadis' feel the father of the nation is no more. But he is alive, where there is truth", Mir said the reality cannot be kept hidden by putting a veil over it.

"When he is talking about Hindutvawadis, he is talking about the concept which was being followed by Godse. We are against that philosophy and his (Godse's) radicalised followers. Generally, Hindus do not follow this ideology," he said.

Mir said Congress workers will safeguard the ideology of Gandhi and will continue to work to strengthen it further to defeat the "divisive forces". Bhalla said that Gandhi was an institution and a philosophy, which can't be killed, though he was assassinated on this day in 1948 physically.

The philosophy of Gandhi is more relevant today and the philosophy that killed Gandhi should be defeated and killed to live in peace and harmony in this heterogeneous country, he added.

## Shree Aum Hospital gets Certificate of Appreciation

**STATE TIMES NEWS**  
SAMBHA: Shree Aum Hospital, Bari Brahmana has been awarded Certificate of Appreciation by the district administration Samba. The certificate was presented by Deputy Commissioner Samba, Anuradha Gupta to the hospital on occasion of Republic Day. On behalf of the hospital management, the certificate was received by Rohit Kumar and Natasha Rai, Managing Directors of Shree Aum Multi-Specialty Hospital. Pertinent to mention here that the Certificate of Appreciation was presented to the hospital for best performing empanelled hospitals under 'Ayushman Bharat'. Speaking on the occasion, Rohit Kumar expressed gratitude towards District Administration for the acknowledgement of the services rendered by hospital and assured that hospital management will keep serving the people in need.



DC Samba, Anuradha Gupta presenting certificate of appreciation to MD of Shree Aum Multi-Specialty Hospital.

## FCS&CA officials inspect markets in Leh, collect Rs 21,500 fine



FCS&CA Leh officials inspecting Leh market during a drive.

**STATE TIMES NEWS**  
LEH: Taking quick action on public complaints on overpricing of vegetables and other essential items, a market checking team from Food, Civil Supplies and Consumer Affairs department (FCS&CA) Leh under the direction of Dy Chairman, LAHDC Leh conducted an intense checking of around 60 vegetables/other shops in Leh and its surrounding

areas. The market checking team imposed fine on the defaulting shopkeepers for overpricing of food items and not following the norms of properly displaying rate lists approved by the Administration. A total fine of Rs 21,500 was collected and a strict warning was given to the defaulters from refraining from such activities.

## Eminent social activist Sunita Arora joins IkkJutt Jammu



President IkkJutt Jammu, Ankur Sharma welcoming Sunita Arora in Party fold.

**STATE TIMES NEWS**  
JAMMU: Former President Sewa Dal and eminent social activist Sunita Arora on Sunday joined IkkJutt Jammu, which was registered as a political party by the Election Commission of India in December 2021. Sunita, who came into limelight by chanting nationalist slogans and

waving national flag at Srinagar's Lal Chowk on August 15, 2017, joined IkkJutt Jammu in presence of party President Ankur Sharma at party headquarters, a party spokesperson said. He further said she had served as President Sewa Dal in 1988 and also led New Young Blood Organisation from 2006

to 2009 before starting a career in media organisations. She remained Bureau Chief (J&K) of a National News Channel Focus TV and joined News Express in 2011. Arora also launched an anti-drug campaign and has served people along with her team during coronavirus pandemic, the spokesperson added.

While welcoming the new entrant into party fold, Ankur Sharma urged people of Jammu province to join IkkJutt Jammu in large numbers for political empowerment and political liberation of Jammu region. Prominent among others present on the occasion included Ashwani Sharma, Harish Kapoor, Ajay Singh, Manik Jamwal, Kamal Warikoo and Tilak Raina.

## Mentally retarded child entitled to Family Pension: Dr Jitendra

**STATE TIMES NEWS**  
NEW DELHI: Union Minister, Dr Jitendra Singh today said that mentally retarded child of a deceased Government employee/ Pensioner is entitled to Family Pension and the spirit of this provision needs to be understood and respected. Giving details, the Minister said, this reiteration in public was necessitated by the fact that it has come to the notice of the Department of Pension & Pensioners' Welfare that in some cases the Banks are not allowing Family Pension in respect of a mentally retarded child through the person nominated by the Pensioner or his/her spouse and they insist for a Guardianship Certificate issued by a Court of Law.

Dr Jitendra emphasised that under the leadership of Prime Minister Narendra Modi, the Government follows the Mantra of Good Governance for bringing "Ease of Living" to the common man. In that spirit, the provision for nomination for Family Pension is intended to avoid any hassle to the child suffering from a mental disability in obtaining Guardianship Certificate from the Court or in claiming Family Pension after the death of his/her parents. Therefore, he said, insisting for a Guardianship Certificate by a Bank in such cases defeats the very purpose of such nomination and also amounts to violation of the statutory provisions of Central Civil Service (Pension) Rules, 2021.

The Department has, therefore, reiterated the provisions of the above rules. CMDs of all



Union Minister Dr Jitendra Singh briefing the media about Pension reforms.

Pension Disbursing Banks have been advised to issue suitable instructions to their CPPCs/Pension Paying Branches for payment of Family Pension in respect of a mentally retarded child through the person nominated by the Government servant/Pensioner/ Family Pensioner in accordance with the statutory provisions of the Rules and not to insist for a Guardianship Certificate issued by Court of Law in such cases. Pertinent to mention that in recent months, the Department of Pensions has introduced a number of pathbreaking reforms including relaxation in the provision of Family Pension for divorced daughters, introduction of Face Recognition Technology through mobile app for ease in submitting Life Certificate by elderly pensioners, Electronic Pension Pay Order, assistance from Postal Department to facilitate pension process etc.

## Martyrs' Day observed across J&K; Police personnel observe two minutes silence



Police officers and personnel observing two minutes silence in memory of martyrs.

**STATE TIMES NEWS**  
JAMMU: To observe the martyrs' day also known as "Shaheed Divas", the Director General of Police (DGP) Dilbag Singh led the senior police officers, staff of Police Headquarters, Armed Police Headquarters, SDRF, Telecom, and IRP 18 Bn in paying homage to the martyrs at Police Headquarters lawns. Two minutes silence was observed by the officers & personnel posted at PHQ Gulshan ground Complex Jammu in PHQ

lawns in memory of martyrs who gave the supreme sacrifice of their lives in the freedom struggle. 'Shaheed Divas' is observed on January 30 and March 23 to pay homage to the freedom fighters who sacrificed their lives during the struggle for Independence of the Motherland.

ADGs P. S. J. M. Gillani, Danesh Rana, IGs P. Garib Dass, AIsG of PHQ and APHQ, staff of the two headquarters participated in this solemn meet.

# 'So far Functionally Sick' PSEs for all purposes have worked as Government controlled 'service institutes'

▶▶ Bureau of PSEs must be given pivotal role

▶▶ No more posting of a MD on Deputation: MD too should have personal stakes in economic health of PSU

**DAYA SAGAR**  
J&K Public sector companies (corporations) (commonly referred as PSUs/PSEs) need immediate, serious and meaningful attention. Almost all units are sick and the employees are found on roads not only demanding timely payment of monthly salaries but also retired employees are seen demanding deposit of employer share of the CPF with Provident Fund Commissioner so that they can get on superannuation if not pension atleast their provident fund accumulations Lt Governor UT of J&K / UT of Ladakh must take the issues pertaining to the

### A Look through the Mist

taken keeping in view the reports of earlier committees so that atleast the families of the existing employees of corporations are saved from a duped future. The overall policy for operation of corporations (PSU) is made by government, the Chief Executives are also posted mostly from Government cadres for short durations who have almost nothing at stake in case the government company faces economic crisis and if at all Managing Director is appointed from PSU cadre that too is mostly to choice

PSEs(PSUs) / Government Companies / Corporations as a task among the ones included in "priority list" and reviews / decisions must be

of the 'government' totally ignoring the Rajan Committee Report 1980 where under it was envisaged to have a common cadre for all PSUs. Bureau of Public Sector enterprises that had to play a pivotal role as regards the policy management of PSUs and Human Resources has all these years ( 3 decades) remained defunct ( instead officers not favourite of the Bosses in the Government of the day were usually 'fixed in there'). With the present policies and sickness only the employees born on the cadres of PSUs have been and are suffering. Ofcourse there have been some employees who were got employed in Corporations and later were 'Got' sent to government depart-

ments to favour them with safe/ secure career and have stayed for 2 to 3 decades outside parent corporation/some might have been even inducted in government cadres. Such cases must be immediately isolated by the Lieutenant Governor administration to call them back so that they are instead used to rehabilitate their parent organisation and genuity of their recruitment is also tested. At a few occasions recommendations in reports have been made to close PSU like JKSRFC but ignoring reports new governments / administrators have sanctioned additional funds for new investments in the same PSE/ PSU. Lieutenant Governor UT of J&K must

put a check on that and before taking any new project for PSUs reports like Rajan Committee, Godbole Committee, Kundal Committee be referred for. The Bureau of PSEs must be given pivotal role and must be headed by an officer from within or IAS cadres or through lateral entry with status of the level of atleast Financial Commissioner. No MD / CEO be posted in a PSEs from government. In case there is no suitable manager available from common PSE cadres one may be recruited on contract from outside with direct commercial acumen. Till the PSEs are brought on track government can consider all PSEs like SC BC DEV Corp, which is also regis-

tered company under companies Act, to extend the terms like Cabinet decision No.18.5 dated: 16.02.2008 where under SC BC Dev Corp was declared as a "Service Institute" ( as it was said to be not engaged in any commercial activity, and having no means to generate, its own resources) for the purposes of rendering financial support since a considering review would reveal that most of the J&K state government corporations have also been made to function for all practical purposes like 'service institutes' with almost 100% control/policy planning by government. (The writer is Sr Journalist & leading scribe J&K affairs dayasagr45@yahoo.com).